RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 6th December, 2007/15 Agrahayana, 1929 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

SOME POINTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Quesion No. 301 ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back ...*(Interruptions)*... Please don't come to the Well of the House ...*(Interruptions)*... Please allow ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)* I would like the hon. Members to allow the House to function ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)*... आप मेहरबानी कर के अपनी-अपनी जगह पर वापस जाइए। ...(व्यवधान)... Don't wave any posters ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)*... Please don't wave any posters ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)*... I would request the Members to go back to their places ...*(Interruptions)* Please go back to your places ...*(Interruptions)*

House is adjourned till 12.00 noon.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at Twelve of the clock.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Integrated Energy Policy

*301. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission submitted in August, 2006 an 'Integrated Energy Policy' commensurate with requirement of energy infrastructure needed to accomplish annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of eight per cent upto the year 2031-32;

(b) if so, the current status of the policy in terms of its acceptance by Government and implementation;

(c) the sources envisioned for harnessing in the said policy by the Planning Commission for energy security; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASHEKHARAN): (a) to (d) The Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy

submitted its report in August, 2006. The Report stresses upon the need for Energy to Fuel the desired GDP Growth. All the recommendations of the Committee were placed before the Energy Co-ordination Committee (ECC) constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister. While endorsing various recommendations the ECC directed respective Ministeries (Power, Coal, Petroleum & Natural Gas, New and Renewable Energy) to take necessary action for related recommendations. The ECC further constituted Committee of Secretaries (CoS) under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary for monitoring the implementation of various recommendations which are complex in nature and involve intervention by other Ministries such as Ministries of Finance, Railway, Surface Transport, Environment and Forest, Science and Technology etc. Many of recommendation have been accepted by the Government and respective Ministries have taken necessary action for implementation Recommendation are gradually being reviewed by various Ministries for implementation.

The report of the Committee on Integrated Energy Policy has recommended that reducing energy requirements and increasing efficiency are two very important measures to increase energy security in addition to augmenting domestic energy resources. For India it is not a question of choosing among alternate domestic energy resources but exploiting all available domestic energy resources to the maximum as long as they are competitive.

Link between Commenwealth Games Village and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

*302. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-frame has been determined for the proposed link between the Commonwealth Village site and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium passing near Humayun's Tomb for the Commonwealth Games to complete the project in time;

(b) whether any stand off between Government and Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) over several projects for Commonwealth Games has not been resolved so far, thus causing inordinate delay in the completion of the project; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to resolve the deadlock?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, There is no stand off between Government and Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC). However, due diligence by the DUAC entails interaction among various agencies. With a view to achieving greater coordination between various agencies involved in the implementation of projects related to Commonwealth Games and the DUAC and to ensure time bound action on such clearances, a Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development with representatives of organizations/agencies concerned as members.

Use of genetically modified paddy

†*303. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Approval Committee has given the permission to use genetically modified paddy in the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi